

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

5 receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of
examples of information;

reading an identification token of at least one user; and

determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said
information.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

10 suppressing a presentation of said information when said user is determined
not to be authorized.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

notifying a third party of said request.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

15 presenting an alternate example of information when said user is
determined not to be authorized.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein said third party comprises one of a security
officer, a coworker, and a manager.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein said information includes at least one of a text file, an image, a video file, an audio file, a notification, and a computer application.

5 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said identification token comprises a wireless identification token comprising at least one of a radio frequency identification tag, a wireless radio communications device, a Bluetooth device, an IEEE 802.11 device, and an active badge.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein said identification token comprises at least one of a biometric identification, a fingerprint, a retinal image, and a bar code.

10 9. A method, comprising:
making a computing application available on a plurality of computing systems;
receiving a request to present said application on one of said computing systems;
15 reading an identification token of at least one user of said one of said computing systems; and
determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said computing application.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

determining whether said user is licensed to be presented said computing application.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

5 suppressing a presentation of said application when said user is determined not to be authorized.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

notifying a third party of the request.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein said application comprises one of a text processing program and an image processing program.

10 14. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

presenting an alternate application when said user is determined not to be authorized.

15. A method, comprising:

15 presenting at least one information example selected from a plurality of examples of information;

reading an identification token of at least one user; and

determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said at least one information example.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

terminating the presentation of said information example when said user is determined not to be authorized.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

5 notifying a third party of the reading of said identification token.

18. The method of claim 16, further comprising:

presenting an alternate example of information when said user is determined not to be authorized.

19. The method of claim 15, further comprising:

10 presenting said information example on an alternate user interface device.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein said alternate information device comprises one of a personal digital assistant (PDA), a portable personal computer, a wireless device, a cellular phone, and a limited-access display.

21. A method, comprising:

15 receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

reading identification tokens from a plurality of users;

determining whether any of said users are not authorized to be presented said information; and

selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to said any of said users determined not to be authorized.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
notifying a third party of said request.

5 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising:
presenting an alternate example of information when said user is determined not to be authorized.

24. The method of claim 22, wherein said third party comprises one of a security officer, a coworker, and a manager.

10 25. The method of claim 21, wherein said information includes at least one of a text file, an image, a video file, an audio file, a notification, and a computer application.

26. The method of claim 21, wherein said identification token comprises a wireless identification token comprising at least one of a radio frequency
15 identification tag, a wireless radio communications device, a Bluetooth device, an IEEE 802.11 device, and an active badge.

27. The method of claim 21, wherein said identification token comprises at least one of a biometric identification, a fingerprint, a retinal image, and a bar code.

28. A method, comprising:

5 receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

detecting a presence of a user;

determining whether said user has an identification token that can be read; and

10 selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to any said user determined not to have said identification token which can be read.

29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:

after said detecting, attempting to read an identification token of said user.

30. A system, comprising:

15 a processor for receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

a reader, coupled to said processor, for reading an identification token of at least one user; and

a determining unit for determining whether said user is authorized to be
20 presented said information.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein said processor selectively suppresses a presentation of said information when said user is determined not to be authorized.

32. The system of claim 30, further comprising:

5 a notification unit for notifying a third party of said request.

33. The system of claim 30, wherein said processor presents an alternate example of information when said user is determined not to be authorized.

34. The system of claim 32, wherein said third party comprises one of a security officer, a coworker, and a manager.

10 35. The system of claim 30, wherein said information includes at least one of a text file, an image, a video file, an audio file, a notification, and a computer application.

36. The system of claim 30, wherein said identification token comprises a wireless identification token comprising at least one of a radio frequency
15 identification tag, a wireless radio communications device, a Bluetooth device, an IEEE 802.11 device, and an active badge.

37. The system of claim 30, wherein said identification token comprises at least one of a biometric identification, a fingerprint, a retinal image, and a bar code.

38. A system, comprising:

a processor for receiving a request to present an application on one of a plurality of computing systems, said computing application being available on said plurality of computing systems;

5 a reader for reading an identification token of at least one user of said one of said computing systems; and

a determining unit for determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said computing application.

39. A system, comprising:

10 a display for presenting at least one information example selected from a plurality of examples of information;

a reader for reading an identification token of at least one user; and

a determining unit for determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said at least one information example.

15 40. A system, comprising:

a processor for receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

a reader for reading identification tokens from a plurality of users; and

a determining unit for determining whether any of said users are not
20 authorized to be presented said information,

said processor selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to
said any of said users determined not to be authorized.

41. A system, comprising:

a processor receiving a request to present information selected from a
5 plurality of examples of information;

a detector for detecting a presence of a user; and

a determining unit for determining whether said user has an identification
token that can be read,

said processor selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to
10 any said user determined not to have said identification token which can be
read.

42. The system of claim 41, further comprising:

a reader for attempting to read an identification token of said user;

43. A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of

15 machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to
perform a method, said method comprising:

receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of
examples of information;

reading an identification token of at least one user; and

20 determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said
information.

44. A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method, said method comprising:

making a computing application available on a plurality of computing systems;

receiving a request to present said application on one of said computing systems;

reading an identification token of at least one user of said one of said computing systems; and

determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said computing application.

45. A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method, said method comprising:

presenting at least one information example selected from a plurality of examples of information;

reading an identification token of at least one user; and

determining whether said user is authorized to be presented said at least one information example.

46. A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method, said method comprising:

receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

reading identification tokens from a plurality of users;

determining whether any of said users are not authorized to be presented said information; and

selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to said any of said users determined not to be authorized.

47. A signal bearing medium tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital processing apparatus to perform a method, said method comprising:

receiving a request to present information selected from a plurality of examples of information;

detecting a presence of a user;

determining whether said user has an identification token that can be read; and

selectively suppressing a presentation of said information to any said user determined not to have said identification token which can be read.

48. The signal-bearing medium of claim 47, wherein said method further comprises:

attempting to read an identification token of said user.

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